

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An information distributing apparatus comprising:

a generating device for generating encryption information for use in encrypting record information to be recorded in a recordable information recording medium and in decrypting the encrypted record information to be recorded in the recordable information recording medium, the encryption information being encrypted by CSS (Content Scramble System) and being recorded in the recordable information recording medium;

an encrypting device for encrypting ~~the~~ record information ~~to be recorded in a recordable information recording medium~~ by employing ~~the~~ encryption information ~~recorded in the information recording medium~~ to generate encrypted record information; and

a distributing device for distributing the ~~generated~~ encrypted record information to an information recording/reproducing apparatus through a telecommunications line, wherein the information recording/reproducing apparatus ~~recording-records~~ the encrypted record information in the recordable information recording medium in which the encryption information encrypted by CSS is recorded in advance.

2 - 4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended): ~~An~~ A recordable information recording medium ~~served as a recordable information recording medium for an information recording apparatus recording encrypted record information in the recordable information recording medium, the encrypted record information distributed from an information distributing apparatus through a telecommunications line, the information distributing apparatus encrypting the record information by employing encryption information, the information recording medium comprising an encryption information recording area in which the same encryption information encrypted by CSS (Content Scramble System) as that employed for encryption of the record information in the information distributing apparatus,~~ is recorded in advance.

6. (currently amended): The information recording medium according to claim 5, wherein the information recording medium comprises a record information recording area in which record information encrypted by the encryption information is recorded ~~a DVD capable of recording the encrypted record information.~~

7 - 8. (canceled).

9. (currently amended): An information recording/reproducing apparatus for recording encrypted record information to be distributed in a recordable information recording medium, ~~the encrypted record information distributed from an information distributing apparatus through a telecommunications line, the information distributing apparatus encrypting the record information by employing encryption information, the information recording medium in which the same encryption information encrypted by CSS (Content Scramble System) as that employed~~

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~~for encryption of the record information in the information distributing apparatus~~ is recorded in advance, the information recording apparatus comprising:

an acquiring device for acquiring the encrypted record information through [the] a telecommunications line; and

a recording device for recording the acquired encrypted record information in the recordable information recording medium; and

a reproducing device for acquiring the encryption information from the recordable information recording medium when the reproducing device reproduces the encrypted record information recorded in the recordable information recording medium, and decrypting the encrypted record information by employing decrypted encryption information to reproduce the record information.

10 - 12. (canceled).

13. (currently amended): An information distributing method comprising:

a generating process of generating encryption information for use in encrypting record information to be recorded in a recordable recording medium and in decrypting the encrypted record information to be recorded in the recordable recording medium;

a first encrypting process of encrypting the encryption information by CSS (Content Scramble System);

a recording process of recording the encrypted encryption information in the recordable recording medium;

[an] a second encrypting process of encrypting the record information to be recorded in
[a] the recordable information recording medium by employing the encryption information
~~recorded in the information recording medium to generate encrypted record information; and~~

a distributing process of distributing the ~~generated~~ encrypted record information to an
information recording apparatus through a telecommunications line, wherein the information
recording apparatus ~~recording~~ records the encrypted record information in the recordable
information recording medium in which the encryption information encrypted by CSS is
recorded in advance.

14 - 20. (canceled).

21. (new): The information distributing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the
encryption information encrypted by CSS is recorded in DVD-RW and can be reproduced by a
general DVD player.

22. (new): The recordable information recording medium according to claim 5, wherein
the encryption information encrypted by CSS is recorded in DVD-RW and can be reproduced by
a general DVD player.

23. (new): The information recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 9,
wherein the encryption information encrypted by CSS is recorded in DVD-RW and can be
reproduced by a general DVD player.

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24. (new): The information distributing method according to claim 13, wherein the encryption information encrypted by CSS is recorded in DVD-RW and can be reproduced by a general DVD player.